

<b>SOLICITATION/CONTRACT/ORDER FOR COMMERCIAL ITEMS</b> <b>OFFEROR TO COMPLETE BLOCKS 12, 17, 23, 24, &amp; 30</b>				1. REQUISITION NUMBER <b>PR-NC-03-10383</b>		PAGE 1 OF 39	
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6. SOLICITATION ISSUE DATE <b>07/21/2003</b>		7. FOR SOLICITATION INFORMATION CALL: <b>JOEL P. SMITH</b>		8. TELEPHONE NUMBER (No collect calls) <b>(919) 541-0184</b>		9. OFFER DUE DATE/LOCAL TIME <b>08/22/2003 03:30PM</b>	
9. ISSUED BY <b>Environmental Protection Agency</b> <b>RTP Procurement Operations Division (D143-01)</b> <b>4930 Old Page Road</b> <b>Research Triangle Park, NC 27709</b>				10. THIS ACQUISITION IS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNRESTRICTED		11. DELIVERY FOR FOB DESTINATION UNLESS BLOCK IS MARKED <input type="checkbox"/> SEE SCHEDULE	
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				(Attach Additional sheets as Necessary)			
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						40. PAID BY	
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41b. SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF CERTIFYING OFFICER				42b. RECEIVED AT (Location)			
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**1. CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS -- COMMERCIAL ITEMS (FAR 52.212-4) (FEB 2002)**

(a) *Inspection/Acceptance.* The Contractor shall only tender for acceptance those items that conform to the requirements of this contract. The Government reserves the right to inspect or test any supplies or services that have been tendered for acceptance. The Government may require repair or replacement of nonconforming supplies or reperformance of nonconforming services at no increase in contract price. The Government must exercise its post-acceptance rights --

(1) Within a reasonable time after the defect was discovered or should have been discovered; and

(2) Before any substantial change occurs in the condition of the item, unless the change is due to the defect in the item.

(b) *Assignment.* The Contractor or its assignee may assign its rights to receive payment due as a result of performance of this contract to a bank, trust company, or other financing institution, including any Federal lending agency in accordance with the Assignment of Claims Act (31 U.S.C.3727). However, when a third party makes payment (e.g., use of the Governmentwide commercial purchase card), the Contractor may not assign its rights to receive payment under this contract.

(c) *Changes.* Changes in the terms and conditions of this contract may be made only by written agreement of the parties.

(d) *Disputes.* This contract is subject to the Contract Disputes Act of 1978, as amended (41 U.S.C. 601-613). Failure of the parties to this contract to reach agreement on any request for equitable adjustment, claim, appeal or action arising under or relating to this contract shall be a dispute to be resolved in accordance with the clause at FAR 52.233-1, Disputes, which is incorporated herein by reference. The Contractor shall proceed diligently with performance of this contract, pending final resolution of any dispute arising under the contract.

(e) *Definitions.* The clause at FAR 52.202-1, Definitions, is incorporated herein by reference.

(f) *Excusable delays.* The Contractor shall be liable for default unless nonperformance is caused by an occurrence beyond the reasonable control of the Contractor and without its fault or negligence such as, acts of God or the public enemy, acts of the Government in either its sovereign or contractual capacity, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes, unusually severe weather, and delays of common carriers. The Contractor shall notify the Contracting Officer in writing as soon as it is reasonably possible after the commencement of any excusable delay, setting forth the full particulars in connection therewith, shall remedy such occurrence with all reasonable dispatch, and shall promptly give written notice to the Contracting Officer of the cessation of such occurrence.

(g) *Invoice.* (1) The Contractor shall submit an original invoice and three copies (or electronic invoice, if authorized) to the address designated in the contract to receive invoices. An invoice

must include--

- (i) Name and address of the Contractor;
- (ii) Invoice date and number;
- (iii) Contract number, contract line item number and, if applicable, the order number;
- (iv) Description, quantity, unit of measure, unit price and extended price of the items delivered;
- (v) Shipping number and date of shipment, including the bill of lading number and weight of shipment if shipped on Government bill of lading;
- (vi) Terms of any discount for prompt payment offered;
- (vii) Name and address of official to whom payment is to be sent;
- (viii) Name, title, and phone number of person to notify in event of defective invoice; and
- (ix) Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN). The Contractor shall include its TIN on the invoice only if required elsewhere in this contract.
- (x) Electronic funds transfer (EFT) banking information.

(A) The Contractor shall include EFT banking information on the invoice only if required elsewhere in this contract.

(B) If EFT banking information is not required to be on the invoice, in order for the invoice to be a proper invoice, the Contractor shall have submitted correct EFT banking information in accordance with the applicable solicitation provision, contract clause (e.g., 52.232-33, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer--Central Contractor Registration, or 52.232-34, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer--Other Than Central Contractor Registration), or applicable agency procedures.

(C) EFT banking information is not required if the Government waived the requirement to pay by EFT.

(2) Invoices will be handled in accordance with the Prompt Payment Act (31 U.S.C. 3903) and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) prompt payment regulations at 5 CFR part 1315.

(h) *Patent indemnity.* The Contractor shall indemnify the Government and its officers, employees and agents against liability, including costs, for actual or alleged direct or contributory infringement of, or inducement to infringe, any United States or foreign patent, trademark or copyright, arising out of the performance of this contract, provided the Contractor is reasonably notified of such claims and proceedings.

(i) *Payment.* Payment shall be made for items accepted by the Government that have been delivered to the delivery destinations set forth in this contract. The Government will make payment in accordance with the Prompt Payment Act (31 U.S.C. 3903) and OMB prompt payment regulations at 5 CFR part

1315. In connection with any discount offered for early payment, time shall be computed from the date of the invoice. For the purpose of computing the discount earned, payment shall be considered to have been made on the date which appears on the payment check or the specified payment date if an electronic funds transfer payment is made.

(j) *Risk of loss.* Unless the contract specifically provides otherwise, risk of loss or damage to the supplies provided under this contract shall remain with the Contractor until, and shall pass to the Government upon:

(1) Delivery of the supplies to a carrier, if transportation is f.o.b. origin; or

(2) Delivery of the supplies to the Government at the destination specified in the contract, if transportation is f.o.b. destination.

(k) *Taxes.* The contract price includes all applicable Federal, State, and local taxes and duties.

(l) *Termination for the Government's convenience.* The Government reserves the right to terminate this contract, or any part hereof, for its sole convenience. In the event of such termination, the Contractor shall immediately stop all work hereunder and shall immediately cause any and all of its suppliers and subcontractors to cease work. Subject to the terms of this contract, the Contractor shall be paid a percentage of the contract price reflecting the percentage of the work performed prior to the notice of termination, plus reasonable charges the Contractor can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Government using its standard record keeping system, have resulted from the termination. The Contractor shall not be required to comply with the cost accounting standards or contract cost principles for this purpose. This paragraph does not give the Government any right to audit the Contractor's records. The Contractor shall not be paid for any work performed or costs incurred which reasonably could have been avoided.

(m) *Termination for cause.* The Government may terminate this contract, or any part hereof, for cause in the event of any default by the Contractor, or if the Contractor fails to comply with any contract terms and conditions, or fails to provide the Government, upon request, with adequate assurances of future performance. In the event of termination for cause, the Government shall not be liable to the Contractor for any amount for supplies or services not accepted, and the Contractor shall be liable to the Government for any and all rights and remedies provided by law. If it is determined that the Government improperly terminated this contract for default, such termination shall be deemed a termination for convenience.

(n) *Title.* Unless specified elsewhere in this contract, title to items furnished under this contract shall pass to the Government upon acceptance, regardless of when or where the Government takes physical possession.

(o) *Warranty.* The Contractor warrants and implies that the items delivered hereunder are merchantable and fit for use for the particular purpose described in this contract.

(p) *Limitation of liability.* Except as otherwise provided by an express warranty, the Contractor will not be liable to the Government for

consequential damages resulting from any defect or deficiencies in accepted items.

(q) *Other compliances.* The Contractor shall comply with all applicable Federal, State and local laws, executive orders, rules and regulations applicable to its performance under this contract.

(r) *Compliance with laws unique to Government contracts.* The Contractor agrees to comply with 31 U.S.C. 1352 relating to limitations on the use of appropriated funds to influence certain Federal contracts; 18 U.S.C. 431 relating to officials not to benefit; 40 U.S.C. 327, et seq., Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act; 41 U.S.C. 51-58, Anti-Kickback Act of 1986; 41 U.S.C. 265 and 10 U.S.C. 2409 relating to whistleblower protections; 49 U.S.C. 40118, Fly American; and 41 U.S.C. 423 relating to procurement integrity.

(s) *Order of precedence.* Any inconsistencies in this solicitation or contract shall be resolved by giving precedence in the following order:

- (1) The schedule of supplies/services.
- (2) The Assignments, Disputes, Payments, Invoice, Other Compliances, and Compliance with Laws Unique to Government Contracts paragraphs of this clause.
- (3) The clause at 52.212-5.
- (4) Addenda to this solicitation or contract, including any license agreements for computer software.
- (5) Solicitation provisions if this is a solicitation.
- (6) Other paragraphs of this clause.
- (7) The Standard Form 1449.
- (8) Other documents, exhibits, and attachments.
- (9) The specification.

**2. CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT STATUTES OR EXECUTIVE ORDERS -- COMMERCIAL ITEMS (FAR 52.212-5) (APR 2003)**

a) The Contractor shall comply with the following FAR clauses, which are incorporated in this contract by reference, to implement provisions of law or executive orders applicable to acquisitions of commercial items:

- (1) 52.222-3, Convict Labor (E.O. 11755);
- (2) 52.233-3, Protest after Award (31 U.S.C 3553).

(b) The Contractor shall comply with the FAR clauses in this paragraph (b) that the contracting officer has indicated as being incorporated in this contract by reference to implement provisions of law or Executive orders applicable to acquisitions of commercial items or components:

*(Contracting Officer must check as appropriate.)*

  X   (1) 52.203-6, Restrictions on Subcontractor Sales to the Government, with Alternate I (41 U.S.C. 253g and 10 U.S.C. 2402).

       (2) 52.219-3, Notice of HUBZone Small Business Set-Aside (Jan 1999).

  X   (3) 52.219-4, Notice of Price Evaluation Preference for HUBZone Small Business Concerns (Jan 1999) (if the offeror elects to waive the preference, it shall so indicate in its offer).

       (4) (i) 52.219-5, Very Small Business Set-Aside (Pub. L. 103-403, section 304, Small Business Reauthorization and Amendments Act of 1994).

       (ii) Alternate I to 52.219-5.

       (iii) Alternate II to 52.219-5.

  X   (5) 52.219-8, Utilization of Small Business Concerns (15 U.S.C. 637 (d)(2) and (3)).

  X   (6) 52.219-9, Small Business Subcontracting Plan (15 U.S.C. 637 (d)(4)).

       (7) 52.219-14, Limitations on Subcontracting (15 U.S.C. 637(a)(14)).

       (8) (i) 52.219-23, Notice of Price Evaluation Adjustment for Small Disadvantaged Business Concerns (Pub. L. 103-355, section 7102, and 10 U.S.C. 2323) (if the offeror elects to waive the adjustment, it shall so indicate in its offer).

       (ii) Alternate I of 52.219-23.

  X   (9) 52.219-25, Small Disadvantaged Business Participation Program-Disadvantaged Status and Reporting (Pub. L. 103-355, section 7102, and 10 U.S.C. 2323).

       (10) 52.219-26, Small Disadvantaged Business Participation Program-Incentive Subcontracting (Pub. L. 103-355, section 7102, and 10 U.S.C.



2323).

- ☒ (11) 52.222-21, Prohibition of Segregated Facilities (Feb 1999).
- ☒ (12) 52.222-26, Equal Opportunity (E.O. 11246).
- ☒ (13) 52.222-35, Equal Opportunity for Special Disabled Veterans, Veterans of the Vietnam Era, and Other Eligible Veterans (38 U.S.C. 4212).
- ☒ (14) 52.222-36, Affirmative Action for Workers with Disabilities (29 U.S.C. 793).
- ☒ (15) 52.222-37, Employment Reports on Special Disabled Veterans, Veterans of the Vietnam Era, and Other Eligible Veterans (38 U.S.C. 4212).
- ☐ (16) 52.222-19, Child Labor-Cooperation with Authorities and Remedies (E.O. 13126).
- ☐ (17)(i) 52.223-9, Estimate of Percentage of Recovered Material Content for EPA-Designated Products (42 U.S.C. 6962(c)(3)(A)(ii)).
- ☐ (ii) Alternate I of 52.223-9 (42 U.S.C. 6962(i)(2)(C)).
- ☐ (18) 52.225-1, Buy American Act--Supplies (41 U.S.C. 10a-10d).
- ☐ (19)(i) 52.225-3, Buy American Act--North American Free Trade Agreement--Israeli Trade Act (41 U.S.C. 10a-10d, 19 U.S.C. 3301 note, 19 U.S.C. 2112 note).
- ☐ (ii) Alternate I of 52.225-3.
- ☐ (iii) Alternate II of 52.225-3.
- ☒ (20) 52.225-5, Trade Agreements (19 U.S.C. 2501, et seq., 19 U.S.C. 3301 note).
- ☐ (21) 52.225-13, Restriction on Certain Foreign Purchases (E.O. 12722, 12724, 13059, 13067, 13121, and 13129).
- ☐ (22) 52.225-15, Sanctioned European Union Country End Products (E.O. 12849).
- ☐ (23) 52.225-16, Sanctioned European Union Country Services (E.O. 12849).
- ☒ (24) 52.232-33, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer-Central Contractor Registration (31 U.S.C. 3332).
- ☐ (25) 52.232-34, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer-Other Than Central Contractor Registration (31 U.S.C. 3332).
- ☐ (26) 52.232-36, Payment by Third Party (31 U.S.C. 3332).
- ☐ (27) 52.239-1, Privacy or Security Safeguards (5 U.S.C. 552a).
- ☐ (28) (i) 52.247-64, Preference for Privately Owned U.S.-Flag

Commercial Vessels (46 U.S.C. 1241).

\_\_\_ (ii) Alternate I of 52.247-64.

(c) The Contractor shall comply with the FAR clauses in this paragraph (c), applicable to commercial services, which the Contracting Officer has indicated as being incorporated in this contract by reference to implement provisions of law or executive orders applicable to acquisitions of commercial items or components:

*(Contracting Officer must check as appropriate.)*

\_\_\_ (1) 52.222-41, Service Contract Act of 1965, As Amended (41 U.S.C. 351, et seq.).

\_\_\_ (2) 52.222-42, Statement of Equivalent Rates for Federal Hires (29 U.S.C. 206 and 41 U.S.C. 351, et seq.).

\_\_\_ (3) 52.222-43, Fair Labor Standards Act and Service Contract Act -- Price Adjustment (Multiple Year and Option Contracts) (29 U.S.C. 206 and 41 U.S.C. 351, et seq.).

\_\_\_ (4) 52.222-44, Fair Labor Standards Act and Service Contract Act -- Price Adjustment (29 U.S.C. 206 and 41 U.S.C. 351, et seq.).

\_\_\_ (5) 52.222-47, SCA Minimum Wages and Fringe Benefits Applicable to Successor Contract Pursuant to Predecessor Contractor Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) (41 U.S.C. 351, et seq.).

(d) *Comptroller General Examination of Record.* The Contractor shall comply with the provisions of this paragraph (d) if this contract was awarded using other than sealed bid, is in excess of the simplified acquisition threshold, and does not contain the clause at 52.215-2, Audit and Records -- Negotiation.

(1) The Comptroller General of the United States, or an authorized representative of the Comptroller General, shall have access to and right to examine any of the Contractor's directly pertinent records involving transactions related to this contract.

(2) The Contractor shall make available at its offices at all reasonable times the records, materials, and other evidence for examination, audit, or reproduction, until 3 years after final payment under this contract or for any shorter period specified in FAR Subpart 4.7, Contractor Records Retention, of the other clauses of this contract. If this contract is completely or partially terminated, the records relating to the work terminated shall be made available for 3 years after any resulting final termination settlement. Records relating to appeals under the disputes clause or to litigation or the settlement of claims arising under or relating to this contract shall be made available until such appeals, litigation, or claims are finally resolved.

(3) As used in this clause, records include books, documents, accounting procedures and practices, and other data, regardless of type and regardless of form. This does not require the Contractor to create or maintain any record that the Contractor does not maintain in the ordinary course of business or pursuant to a provision of law.

(e) Notwithstanding the requirements of the clauses in paragraphs (a), (b), (c) or (d) of this clause, the Contractor is not required to include any FAR clause, other than those listed below (and as may be required by an addenda to this paragraph to establish the reasonableness of prices under Part 15), in a subcontract for commercial items or commercial components --

- (1) 52.222-26, Equal Opportunity (E.O. 11246);
- (2) 52.222-35, Equal Opportunity for Special Disabled Veterans, Veterans of the Vietnam Era, and Other Eligible Veterans (38 U.S.C. 4212);
- (3) 52.222-36, Affirmative Action for Workers with Disabilities (29 U.S.C. 793);
- (4) 52.247-64, Preference for Privately Owned U.S.-Flag Commercial Vessels (46 U.S.C. Appx 1241 and 10 U.S.C. 2631) (flow down required in accordance with paragraph (d) of FAR clause 52.247-64); and
- (5) 52.222-41, Service Contract Act of 1965, As Amended (41 U.S.C. 351, et seq.).

### 3. INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS -- COMMERCIAL ITEMS (FAR 52.212-1) (OCT 2000)

(a) *North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code and small business size standard.* The NAICS code and small business size standard for this acquisition appear in Block 10 of the solicitation cover sheet (SF 1449). However, the small business size standard for a concern which submits an offer in its own name, but which proposes to furnish an item which it did not itself manufacture, is 500 employees.

(b) *Submission of offers.* Submit signed and dated offers to the office specified in this solicitation at or before the exact time specified in this solicitation. Offers may be submitted on the SF 1449, letterhead stationery, or as otherwise specified in the solicitation. As a minimum, offers must show--

- (1) The solicitation number;
- (2) The time specified in the solicitation for receipt of offers;
- (3) The name, address, and telephone number of the offeror;
- (4) A technical description of the items being offered in sufficient detail to evaluate compliance with the requirements in the solicitation. This may include product literature, or other documents, if necessary;
- (5) Terms of any express warranty;
- (6) Price and any discount terms;
- (7) "Remit to" address, if different than mailing address;
- (8) A completed copy of the representations and certifications at FAR 52.212-3;
- (9) Acknowledgment of Solicitation Amendments;
- (10) Past performance information, when included as an evaluation factor, to include recent and relevant contracts for the same or similar items and other references (including contract numbers, points of contact with telephone numbers and other relevant information); and
- (11) If the offer is not submitted on the SF 1449, include a statement specifying the extent of agreement with all terms, conditions, and provisions included in the solicitation. Offers that fail to furnish required representations or information, or reject the terms and conditions of the solicitation may be excluded from consideration.

(c) *Period for acceptance of offers.* The offeror agrees to hold the prices in its offer firm for 180 calendar days from the date specified for receipt of offers, unless another time period is specified in an addendum to the solicitation.

(d) *Product samples.* When required by the solicitation, product samples shall be submitted at or prior to the time specified for receipt of offers. Unless otherwise specified in this solicitation, these samples shall be

submitted at no expense to the Government, and returned at the sender's request and expense, unless they are destroyed during preaward testing.

(e) *Multiple offers.* Offerors are encouraged to submit multiple offers presenting alternative terms and conditions or commercial items for satisfying the requirements of this solicitation. Each offer submitted will be evaluated separately.

(f) *Late submissions, modifications, revisions, and withdrawals of offers.*

(1) Offerors are responsible for submitting offers, and any modifications, revisions, or withdrawals, so as to reach the Government office designated in the solicitation by the time specified in the solicitation. If no time is specified in the solicitation, the time for receipt is 4:30 p.m., local time, for the designated Government office on the date that offers or revisions are due.

(2)(i) Any offer, modification, revision, or withdrawal of an offer received at the Government office designated in the solicitation after the exact time specified for receipt of offers is "late" and will not be considered unless it is received before award is made, the Contracting Officer determines that accepting the late offer would not unduly delay the acquisition; and--

(A) If it was transmitted through an electronic commerce method authorized by the solicitation, it was received at the initial point of entry to the Government infrastructure not later than 5:00 p.m. one working day prior to the date specified for receipt of offers; or

(B) There is acceptable evidence to establish that it was received at the Government installation designated for receipt of offers and was under the Government's control prior to the time set for receipt of offers; or

(C) If this solicitation is a request for proposals, it was the only proposal received.

(ii) However, a late modification of an otherwise successful offer, that makes its terms more favorable to the Government, will be considered at any time it is received and may be accepted.

(3) Acceptable evidence to establish the time of receipt at the Government installation includes the time/date stamp of that installation on the offer wrapper, other documentary evidence of receipt maintained by the installation, or oral testimony or statements of Government personnel.

(4) If an emergency or unanticipated event interrupts normal Government processes so that offers cannot be received at the Government office designated for receipt of offers by the exact time specified in the solicitation, and urgent Government requirements preclude amendment of the solicitation or other notice of an extension of the closing date, the time specified for receipt of offers will be deemed to be extended to the same time of day specified in the solicitation on the first work day on which normal Government processes resume.

(5) Offers may be withdrawn by written notice received at any time

before the exact time set for receipt of offers. Oral offers in response to oral solicitations may be withdrawn orally. If the solicitation authorizes facsimile offers, offers may be withdrawn via facsimile received at any time before the exact time set for receipt of offers, subject to the conditions specified in the solicitation concerning facsimile offers. An offer may be withdrawn in person by an offeror or its authorized representative if, before the exact time set for receipt of offers, the identity of the person requesting withdrawal is established and the person signs a receipt for the offer.

(g) *Contract award (not applicable to Invitation for Bids)*. The Government intends to evaluate offers and award a contract without discussions with offerors. Therefore, the offeror's initial offer should contain the offeror's best terms from a price and technical standpoint. However, the Government reserves the right to conduct discussions if later determined by the Contracting Officer to be necessary. The Government may reject any or all offers if such action is in the public interest; accept other than the lowest offer; and waive informalities and minor irregularities in offers received.

(h) *Multiple awards*. The Government may accept any item or group of items of an offer, unless the offeror qualifies the offer by specific limitations. Unless otherwise provided in the Schedule, offers may not be submitted for quantities less than those specified. The Government reserves the right to make an award on any item for a quantity less than the quantity offered, at the unit prices offered, unless the offeror specifies otherwise in the offer.

(i) Availability of requirements documents cited in the solicitation.

(1)(i) The GSA Index of Federal Specifications, Standards and Commercial Item Descriptions, FPMR Part 101-29, and copies of specifications, standards, and commercial item descriptions cited in this solicitation may be obtained for a fee by submitting a request to--

GSA Federal Supply Service Specifications Section,  
Suite 8100,  
470 East L'Enfant Plaza, SW, Washington, DC 20407,  
Telephone (202) 619-8925,  
Facsimile (202) 619-8978.

(ii) If the General Services Administration, Department of Agriculture, or Department of Veterans Affairs issued this solicitation, a single copy of specifications, standards, and commercial item descriptions cited in this solicitation may be obtained free of charge by submitting a request to the addressee in paragraph (i)(1)(i) of this provision. Additional copies will be issued for a fee.

(2) The DoD Index of Specifications and Standards (DoDISS) and documents listed in it may be obtained from the--

Department of Defense Single Stock Point (DoDSSP),  
Building 4, Section D,  
700 Robbins Avenue,  
Philadelphia, PA 19111-5094,  
Telephone (215) 697- 2667/2179,  
Facsimile (215) 697-1462.

(i) Automatic distribution may be obtained on a subscription basis.

(ii) Order forms, pricing information, and customer support information may be obtained--

(A) By telephone at (215) 697-2667/2179; or

(B) Through the DoDSSP Internet site at <http://assist.daps.mil>.

(3) Nongovernment (voluntary) standards must be obtained from the organization responsible for their preparation, publication, or maintenance.

(j) Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) Number. (Applies to offers exceeding \$25,000.) The offeror shall enter, in the block with its name and address on the cover page of its offer, the annotation 'DUNS' followed by the DUNS number that identifies the offeror's name and address. If the offeror does not have a DUNS number, it should contact Dun and Bradstreet to obtain one at no charge. An offeror within the United States may call 1-800-333-0505. The offeror may obtain more information regarding the DUNS number, including locations of local Dun and Bradstreet Information Services offices for offerors located outside the United States, from the Internet home page at <http://www.customerservice@dnb.com>. If an offeror is unable to locate a local service center, it may send an e-mail to Dun and Bradstreet at [globalinfo@mail.dnb.com](mailto:globalinfo@mail.dnb.com).

#### **ADDENDUM 1:**

##### **PAST PERFORMANCE INFORMATION:**

(a) Offerors shall submit the below requested information as part of their proposal for both the offeror and any proposed major subcontractors. The information shall be submitted by the closing date of this Request for Proposal (RFP) in order to assist the Government in reducing the evaluation period.

(b) Offerors shall submit a list of all or at least five (5) contracts and subcontracts completed in the last three (3) years, and all contracts and subcontracts currently in process, which are similar in nature to this requirement.

(1) The contracts and subcontracts listed may include those entered into with Federal, State and local governments, and commercial businesses, which are of similar scope, magnitude, relevance, and complexity to the requirement which is described in the RFP. Include the following information for each contract and subcontract listed:

- (a) Name of contracting activity or business name.
- (b) Contract number.
- (c) Contract title.
- (d) Contract type.
- (e) Brief description of contract or subcontract and relevance to this requirement.
- (f) Total contract value.
- (g) Period of performance.
- (h) Point of Contact (POC), POC title, telephone number, and E-mail address (if available).
- (i) State what your working relationship is/has been with each of the publishers (both domestic and foreign) that provide the publications listed on

the Journal List (Attachment 3).

(j) Demonstrate your firm's financial capability to process orders and renewals prior to submitting invoices and receiving payment.

(k) Identify your firm's electronic data interchange (EDI) capabilities in regard to customers being able to file claims on-line and obtain status of publications, i.e., shipments, title changes, special reports.

(l) Demonstrate your firm's ability to coordinate with publishers in order to provide your customer(s) with information, required paperwork, etc. necessary for the customer to obtain publications in electronic format (see EVALUATION -- COMMERCIAL ITEMS (FAR 52.212.2) (JAN 1999) in this solicitation

(c) Offerors should not provide general information on their performance on the identified contracts and subcontracts. General performance information will be obtained from the references.

(1) Offerors may provide information on problems encountered and corrective actions taken on the identified contracts and subcontracts.

(2) References that may be contacted by the Government include the contracting officer, program manager/project officer, or the administrative contracting officer identified above.

(3) If no response is received from a reference, the Government will make an attempt to contact another reference identified by the offeror, to contact a reference not identified by the offeror, or to complete the evaluation with those references who responded. The Government shall consider the information provided by the references, and may also consider information obtained from other sources, when evaluating an offeror's past performance.

(4) Attempts to obtain responses from references will generally not go beyond two telephonic messages and/or written requests from the Government, unless otherwise stated in the solicitation. The Government is not obligated to contact all of the references identified by the offeror.

(d) If negative feedback is received from an offeror's reference, the Government will compare the negative response to the responses from the offeror's other references to note differences. A score will be assigned appropriately to the offeror based on the information. The offeror will be given the opportunity to address adverse past performance information obtained from references on which the offeror has not had a previous opportunity to comment, if that information makes a difference in the Government's decision to include the offeror in or exclude the offeror from the competitive range. Any past performance deficiency or significant weakness will be discussed with offerors in the competitive range during discussions.

(e) Offerors shall send Client Authorization Letters and a PAST PERFORMANCE QUESTIONNAIRE (See Attachment 5) to each reference listed in their proposal to assist in the timely processing of the past performance evaluations. The PAST PERFORMANCE QUESTIONNAIRES shall be returned by the reference to the Contracting Officer and/or Contract Specialist identified on the Attached form by the closing date and time for this RFP (See Standard Form 33, Block 9). Offerors are encouraged to consolidate requests whenever possible (i.e., if the same reference has several contracts, send that reference a single notice citing all applicable contracts). Offerors may send Client Authorization Letters electronically to references with copies forwarded to the contracting



officer.

(f) If an offeror has no relevant past performance history, an offeror must affirmatively state that it possesses no relevant past performance history.

(g) Each offeror may describe any quality awards or certifications that indicate the offeror possesses a high-quality process for developing and producing the product or service required. Such awards or certifications include, for example, the Malcolm Baldrige Quality Award, other Government quality awards, and private sector awards or certifications.

(1) Identify the segment of the company (one division or the entire company) which received the award or certification.

(2) Describe when the award or certification was bestowed. If the award or certification is over three years old, present evidence that the qualifications still apply.

(h) Past performance information will be used for both responsibility determinations and as an evaluation factor for award. The Past Performance Questionnaire identified in Attachment 5 will be used to collect information on an offeror's performance under existing and prior contracts/subcontracts for products or services similar in scope, magnitude, relevance, and complexity to this requirement in order to evaluate offerors consistent with the past performance evaluation factor set forth in Addendum #5. References other than those identified by the offeror may be contacted by the Government and used in the evaluation of the offeror's past performance.

(i) Any information collected concerning an offeror's past performance will be maintained in the official contract file.

(j) In accordance with FAR 15.305 (a) (2) (iv), offerors with no relevant past performance history, or for whom information on past performance is not available, will be evaluated neither favorably nor unfavorably on past performance.

**ADDENDUM 2:**

For proposal preparation purposes, offerors may assume a contract start date of January 1, 2004.

**ADDENDUM 3:**

The following addresses are provided for submittal of proposals:

a. US Postal Service Address:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Attention: Joel P. Smith or Dan M. Neustedter  
RTP Procurement Operations Division (E105-02)  
Research Triangle Park, NC 27711

b. Courier or Hand Carried Address:

U. S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Attention: Joel P. Smith / Dan M. Neustedter  
RTP Procurement Operations Division (D143-01)  
4930 Old Page Road  
Research Triangle Park, NC 27709

**ADDENDUM 4:****ELECTRONIC CAPABILITIES INFORMATION:**

Regarding the electronic capabilities evaluation factor, please submit a electronic capabilities plan (5 pages or less).

**ADDENDUM 5:****4. EVALUATION -- COMMERCIAL ITEMS (FAR 52.212-2) (JAN 1999)**

(a) The Government will award a contract resulting from this solicitation to the responsible offeror whose offer conforming to the solicitation will be most advantageous to the Government, price and other factors considered. The following factors shall be used to evaluate offers:

PAST PERFORMANCE  
TECHNICAL - ELECTRONIC CAPABILITIES  
PRICE

For evaluation purposes, Past Performance and Technical (Electronic Capability), when combined, are approximately equal to price. The evaluation criteria will be scored as shown below.

(1) PAST PERFORMANCE (70 POINTS): Each of the following numbered past performance evaluation criteria will have equal weight in the past performance evaluation, i.e. 10 points for each criteria for a total of 70 points. The evaluation will be based on demonstrated **successful** past performance of the offeror as evidenced by the following information gathered concerning the identified list of contracts completed during the past three years and those currently in process for similar procurements. The offeror must provide the following information: (1) Demonstrated past performance in providing the same type of service, such as providing subscriptions for large research libraries, (2) Demonstrated past performance in providing fast, reliable service in order placement and handling of claims, (3) Demonstrated past performance in handling prompt service communication with publishers, as questions or problems arise which could cause service irregularities, (4) Demonstrated past performance to set-up and maintain an effective program for handling library subscription orders, (5) Demonstrated past performance working with foreign publishers that provide the publications required for this solicitation/contract (6) Demonstrated past performance working with domestic publishers that provide the publications required for this solicitation/contract (7) Demonstrated past performance to establish and maintain a working relationship with a variety of publishers to obtain the best price and reliable service.

**(2) ELECTRONIC CAPABILITIES (30 POINTS)**

(1) (15 Points) Demonstrated ability to provide customers with an electronic system in which the customer can file claims on-line and has access to information related to the publications ordered, i.e., shipped dates, title status information, reasons for delayed shipments, etc. and a format which allows customers to request and obtain user-defined special reports.

(2) (15 Points) Demonstrated ability to coordinate with publishers in providing customers with the information and documentation necessary for customers to be able to obtain electronic access to publications.

(b) Options. The Government will evaluate offers for award purposes by adding the total price for all options to the total price for the basic requirement. The Government may determine that an offer is unacceptable if the option prices are significantly unbalanced. Evaluation of options shall not obligate the Government to exercise the option(s).

(c) A written notice of award or acceptance of an offer, mailed or otherwise furnished to the successful offeror within the time for acceptance specified in the offer, shall result in a binding contract without further action by either party. Before the offer's specified expiration time, the Government may accept an offer (or part of an offer), whether or not there are negotiations after its receipt, unless a written notice of withdrawal is received before award.

**ADDENDUM 6:**

Questions from vendors to the Contracting Officer, pertaining to this RFP, are to be submitted in writing via the U.S. Mail by 3:30 PM local time on August 6, 2003. Answers to these questions will be posted at [http://www.epa.gov/oam/rtp\\_cmd/](http://www.epa.gov/oam/rtp_cmd/) by COB August 8, 2003. Voice, FAX, or e-mail questions will not be entertained. Questions pertaining to this RFP are to be mailed to:

U.S. EPA  
Attn: Joel P. Smith or Dan M. Neustedter  
Mail Code: E105-02  
109 T.W. Alexander Drive  
Research Triangle Park, NC 27711

**5. OFFEROR REPRESENTATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS -- COMMERCIAL ITEMS (FAR 52.212-3) (JUL 2002)**

(a) *Definitions.* As used in this provision:

"Emerging small business" means a small business concern whose size is no greater than 50 percent of the numerical size standard for the NAICS code designated.

"Forced or indentured child labor" means all work or service-

(1) Exacted from any person under the age of 18 under the menace of any penalty for its nonperformance and for which the worker does not offer himself voluntarily; or

(2) Performed by any person under the age of 18 pursuant to a contract the enforcement of which can be accomplished by process of penalties.

"Service-disabled veteran-owned small business concern"-

(1) Means a small business concern-

(i) Not less than 51 percent of which is owned by one or more service-disabled veterans or, in the case of any publicly owned business, not less than 51 percent of the stock of which is owned by one or more service-disabled veterans; and

(ii) The management and daily business operations of which are controlled by one or more service-disabled veterans or, in the case of a veteran with permanent and severe disability, the spouse or permanent caregiver of such veteran.

(2) Service-disabled veteran means a veteran, as defined in 38 U.S.C. 101(2), with a disability that is service-connected, as defined in 38 U.S.C. 101(16).

"Small business concern" means a concern, including its affiliates, that is independently owned and operated, not dominant in the field of operation in which it is bidding on Government contracts, and qualified as a small business under the criteria in 13 CFR Part 121 and size standards in this solicitation.

"Veteran-owned small business concern" means a small business concern-

(1) Not less than 51 percent of which is owned by one or more veterans(as defined at 38 U.S.C. 101(2)) or, in the case of any publicly owned business, not less than 51 percent of the stock of which is owned by one or more veterans; and

(2) The management and daily business operations of which are controlled by one or more veterans.

"Women-owned business concern" means a concern which is at least 51 percent owned by one or more women; or in the case of any publicly owned business, at least 51 percent of the its stock is owned by one or more women; and whose management and daily business operations are controlled by one or

more women.

"Women-owned small business concern" means a small business concern --

(1) That is at least 51 percent owned by one or more women or, in the case of any publicly owned business, at least 51 percent of the stock of which is owned by one or more women; and

(2) Whose management and daily business operations are controlled by one or more women.

(b) *Taxpayer identification number (TIN)* (26 U.S.C. 6109, 31 U.S.C. 7701). (Not applicable if the offeror is required to provide this information to a central contractor registration database to be eligible for award.)

(1) All offerors must submit the information required in paragraphs (b)(3) through (b)(5) of this provision to comply with debt collection requirements of 31 U.S.C. 7701(c) and 3325(d), reporting requirements of 26 U.S.C. 6041, 6041A, and 6050M, and implementing regulations issued by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

(2) The TIN may be used by the government to collect and report on any delinquent amounts arising out of the offeror's relationship with the Government (31 U.S.C. 7701(c)(3)). If the resulting contract is subject to the payment reporting requirements described in FAR 4.904, the TIN provided hereunder may be matched with IRS records to verify the accuracy of the offeror's TIN.]

(3) Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN).

☐ TIN:\_\_\_\_\_.

☐ TIN has been applied for.

☐ TIN is not required because:

☐ Offeror is a nonresident alien, foreign corporation, or foreign partnership that does not have income effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business in the United States and does not have an office or place of business or a fiscal paying agent in the United States;

☐ Offeror is an agency or instrumentality of a foreign government;

☐ Offeror is an agency or instrumentality of the Federal Government;

(4) Type of organization.

☐ Sole proprietorship;

☐ Partnership;

☐ Corporate entity (not tax-exempt);

☐ Corporate entity (tax-exempt);

- ☐ Government entity (Federal, State, or local);
- ☐ Foreign government;
- ☐ International organization per 26 CFR 1.6049-4;
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.

## (5) Common parent.

- ☐ Offeror is not owned or controlled by a common parent:
- ☐ Name and TIN of common parent:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

TIN \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Offerors must complete the following representations when the resulting contract is to be performed inside the United States, its territories or possessions, Puerto Rico, the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, or the District of Columbia. Check all that apply.

(1) *Small business concern.* The offeror represents as part of its offer that it ☐ is, ☐ is not a small business concern.

(2) *Veteran-owned small business concern.* [Complete only if the offeror represented itself as a small business concern in paragraph (c)(1) of this provision.] The offeror represents as part of its offer that it ☐ is, ☐ is not a veteran-owned small business concern.

(3) *Service-disabled veteran-owned small business concern.* [Complete only if the offeror represented itself as a veteran-owned small business concern in paragraph (c)(2) of this provision.] The offeror represents as part of its offer that it ☐ is, ☐ is not a service-disabled veteran-owned small business concern.

(4) *Small disadvantaged business concern.* [Complete only if the offeror represented itself as a small business concern in paragraph (c)(1) of this provision.] The offeror represents, for general statistical purposes, that it ☐ is, ☐ is not, a small disadvantaged business concern as defined in 13 CFR 124.1002.

(5) *Women-owned small business concern.* [Complete only if the offeror represented itself as a small business concern in paragraph (c)(1) of this provision.] The offeror represents that it ☐ is, ☐ is not a women-owned small business concern.

**Note:** Complete paragraphs (c)(6) and (c)(7) only if this solicitation is expected to exceed the simplified acquisition threshold.

(6) *Women-owned business concern (other than small business concern).* [Complete only if the offeror is a women-owned business concern and did not represent itself as a small business concern in paragraph (c)(1) of this provision.]. The offeror represents that it ☐ is, a women-owned business

concern.

(7) *Tie bid priority for labor surplus area concerns.* If this is an invitation for bid, small business offerors may identify the labor surplus areas in which costs to be incurred on account of manufacturing or production (by offeror or first-tier subcontractors) amount to more than 50 percent of the contract price:

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(8) *Small Business Size for the Small Business Competitiveness Demonstration Program and for the Targeted Industry Categories under the Small Business Competitiveness Demonstration Program.* [Complete only if the offeror has represented itself to be a small business concern under the size standards for this solicitation.]

(i) [Complete only for solicitations indicated in an addendum as being set-aside for emerging small businesses in one of the four designated industry groups (DIGs).] The offeror represents as part of its offer that it [ ] is, [ ] is not an emerging small business.

(ii) [Complete only for solicitations indicated in an addendum as being for one of the targeted industry categories (TICs) or four designated industry groups (DIGs).] Offeror represents as follows:

(A) Offeror's number of employees for the past 12 months (check the Employees column if size standard stated in the solicitation is expressed in terms of number of employees); or

(B) Offeror's average annual gross revenue for the last 3 fiscal years (check the Average Annual Gross Number of Revenues column if size standard stated in the solicitation is expressed in terms of annual receipts).

(Check one of the following):

<b>Number of Employees</b>	<b>Average Annual Gross Revenues</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> 50 or fewer	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1 million or less
<input type="checkbox"/> 51-100	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,001-\$2 million
<input type="checkbox"/> 101-250	<input type="checkbox"/> \$2,000,001-\$3.5 million
<input type="checkbox"/> 251-500	<input type="checkbox"/> \$3,500,001-\$5 million
<input type="checkbox"/> 501-750	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5,000,001-\$10 million
<input type="checkbox"/> 751-1,000	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000,001-\$17 million
<input type="checkbox"/> Over 1,000	<input type="checkbox"/> Over \$17 million

(9) [Complete only if the solicitation contains the clause at FAR 52.219-23, Notice of Price Evaluation Adjustment for Small Disadvantaged Business Concerns, or FAR 52.219-25, Small Disadvantaged Business Participation Program-Disadvantaged Status and Reporting, and the offeror desires a benefit based on its disadvantaged status.]

(i) *General.* The offeror represents that either-

(A) It [ ] is, [ ] is not certified by the Small Business Administration as a small disadvantaged business concern and identified, on



the date of this representation, as a certified small disadvantaged business concern in the database maintained by the Small Business Administration (PRO-Net), and that no material change in disadvantaged ownership and control has occurred since its certification, and, where the concern is owned by one or more individuals claiming disadvantaged status, the net worth of each individual upon whom the certification is based does not exceed \$750,000 after taking into account the applicable exclusions set forth at 13 CFR 124.104(c)(2); or

(B) It [ ] has, [ ] has not submitted a completed application to the Small Business Administration or a Private Certifier to be certified as a small disadvantaged business concern in accordance with 13 CFR 124, Subpart B, and a decision on that application is pending, and that no material change in disadvantaged ownership and control has occurred since its application was submitted.

(ii) [ ] *Joint Ventures under the Price Evaluation Adjustment for Small Disadvantaged Business Concerns.* The offeror represents, as part of its offer, that it is a joint venture that complies with the requirements in 13 CFR 124.1002(f) and that the representation in paragraph (c)(9)(i) of this provision is accurate for the small disadvantaged business concern that is participating in the joint venture. *[The offeror shall enter the name of the small disadvantaged business concern that is participating in the joint venture: \_\_\_\_\_.]*

(10) *HUBZone small business concern.* *[Complete only if the offeror represented itself as a small business concern in paragraph (c)(1) of this provision.]* The offeror represents, as part of its offer, that--

(i) It [ ] is, [ ] is not a HUBZone small business concern listed, on the date of this representation, on the List of Qualified HUBZone Small Business Concerns maintained by the Small Business Administration, and no material change in ownership and control, principal office, or HUBZone employee percentage has occurred since it was certified by the Small Business Administration in accordance with 13 CFR part 126; and

(ii) It [ ] is, [ ] is not a joint venture that complies with the requirements of 13 CFR part 126, and the representation in paragraph (c)(10)(i) of this provision is accurate for the HUBZone small business concern or concerns that are participating in the joint venture. *[The offeror shall enter the name or names of the HUBZone small business concern or concerns that are participating in the joint venture: \_\_\_\_\_.]* Each HUBZone small business concern participating in the joint venture shall submit a separate signed copy of the HUBZone representation.

(d) *Representations required to implement provisions of Executive Order 11246 --*(1) Previous contracts and compliance. The offeror represents that --

(i) It [ ] has, [ ] has not, participated in a previous contract or subcontract subject to the Equal Opportunity clause of this solicitation; and

(ii) It [ ] has, [ ] has not, filed all required compliance reports.

(2) *Affirmative Action Compliance.* The offeror represents that --

(i) It [ ]has developed and has on file, [ ]has not developed and does not have on file, at each establishment, affirmative action programs required by rules and regulations of the Secretary of Labor (41 CFR parts 60-1 and 60-2), or

(ii) It [ ]has not previously had contracts subject to the written affirmative action programs requirement of the rules and regulations of the Secretary of Labor.

(e) *Certification Regarding Payments to Influence Federal Transactions (31 U.S.C. 1352)*. (Applies only if the contract is expected to exceed \$100,000.) By submission of its offer, the offeror certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief that no Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress or an employee of a Member of Congress on his or her behalf in connection with the award of any resultant contract.

(f) *Buy American Act Certificate*. (Applies only if the clause at Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 52.225-1, Buy American Act--Supplies, is included in this solicitation.)

(1) The offeror certifies that each end product, except those listed in paragraph (f)(2) of this provision, is a domestic end product (as defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled "Buy American Act--Supplies") and that the offeror has considered components of unknown origin to have been mined, produced, or manufactured outside the United States. The offeror shall list as foreign end products those end products manufactured in the United States that do not qualify as domestic end products.

(2) Foreign End Products:

LINE ITEM NO.	COUNTRY OF ORIGIN
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

[List as necessary]

(3) The Government will evaluate offers in accordance with the policies and procedures of FAR Part 25.

(g)(1) *Buy American Act -- North American Free Trade Agreement -- Israeli Trade Act Certificate*. (Applies only if the clause at FAR 52.225-3, Buy American Act - North American Free Trade Agreement Israeli Trade Act, is included in this solicitation.)

(i) The offeror certifies that each end product, except those listed in paragraph (g)(1)(ii) or (g)(1)(iii) of this provision, is a domestic end product as defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled "Buy American Act -- North American Free Trade Agreement -- Israeli Trade Act" and that the offeror has considered components of unknown origin to have been mined, produced, or manufactured outside the United States.

(ii) The offeror certifies that the following supplies are NAFTA country end products or Israeli end products as defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled "Buy American Act-North American Free Trade Agreement-Israeli Trade Act":

NAFTA Country or Israeli End Products:

LINE ITEM NO.	COUNTRY OF ORIGIN
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

*[List as necessary]*

(iii) The offeror shall list those supplies that are foreign end products (other than those listed in paragraph (g)(1)(ii) or this provision) as defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled "Buy American Act-North American Free Trade Agreement-Israeli Trade Act." The offeror shall list as other foreign end products those end products manufactured in the United States that do not qualify as domestic end products.

Other Foreign End Products:

LINE ITEM NO.	COUNTRY OF ORIGIN
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

*[List as necessary]*

(iv) The Government will evaluate offers in accordance with the policies and procedures of FAR Part 25.

(2) Buy American Act--North American Free Trade Agreements--Israeli Trade Act Certificate, Alternate I (May 2002). If Alternate I to the clause at FAR 52.225-3 is included in this solicitation, substitute the following paragraph (g)(1)(ii) for paragraph (g)(1)(ii) of the basic provision:

(g)(1)(ii) The offeror certifies that the following supplies are Canadian end products as defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled "Buy American Act--North American Free Trade Agreement--Israeli Trade Act":

Canadian End Products:

Line Item No.

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(List as necessary)

(3) Buy American Act--North American Free Trade Agreements--Israeli Trade Act Certificate, Alternate II (May 2002). If Alternate II to the clause at FAR 52.225-3 is included in this solicitation, substitute the following paragraph (g)(1)(ii) for paragraph (g)(1)(ii) of the basic provision:

(g)(1)(ii) The offeror certifies that the following supplies are Canadian end products or Israeli end products as defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled ``Buy American Act--North American Free Trade Agreement-Israeli Trade Act'':

Canadian or Israeli End Products:

LINE ITEM NO.	COUNTRY OF ORIGIN
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

[List as necessary]

(4) Trade Agreements Certificate. (Applies only if the clause at FAR 52.225-5, Trade Agreements, is included in this solicitation.)

(i) The offeror certifies that each end product, except those listed in paragraph (g)(4)(ii) of this provision, is a U.S.-made, designated country, Caribbean Basin country, or NAFTA country end product, as defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled "Trade Agreements."

(ii) The offeror shall list as other end products those end products that are not U.S.-made, designated country, Caribbean Basin country, or NAFTA country end products.

Other End Products

LINE ITEM NO.	COUNTRY OF ORIGIN
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

[List as necessary]

(iii) The Government will evaluate offers in accordance with the policies and procedures of FAR Part 25. For line items subject to the Trade Agreements Act, the Government will evaluate offers of U.S.-made, designated country, Caribbean Basin country, or NAFTA country end products without regard to the restrictions of the Buy American Act. The Government will consider for award only offers of U.S.-made, designated country, Caribbean Basin country, or NAFTA country end products unless the Contracting Officer determines that there are no offers for such products or that the offers for such products are

insufficient to fulfill the requirements of the solicitation.

(h) *Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension or Ineligibility for Award (Executive Order 12549)*. (Applies only if the contract value is expected to exceed the simplified acquisition threshold.) The offeror certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that the offeror and/or any of its principals--

(1) ☐ Are, ☐ are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, or declared ineligible for the award of contracts by any Federal agency; and

(2) ☐ Have, ☐ have not, within a three-year period preceding this offer, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for: commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a Federal, state or local government contract or subcontract; violation of Federal or state antitrust statutes relating to the submission of offers; or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, tax evasion, or receiving stolen property; and

(3) ☐ Are, ☐ are not presently indicted for, or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a Government entity with, commission of any of these offenses.

(i) *Certification Regarding Knowledge of Child Labor for Listed End Products (Executive Order 13126)*. [The Contracting Officer must list in paragraph (i)(1) any end products being acquired under this solicitation that are included in the List of Products Requiring Contractor Certification as to Forced or Indentured Child Labor, unless excluded at 22.1503(b).]

(1) *Listed End Product*

Listed End Product

Listed Countries of Origin:

(2) *Certification*. [If the Contracting Officer has identified end products and countries of origin in paragraph (i)(1) of this provision, then the offeror must certify to either (i)(2)(i) or (i)(2)(ii) by checking the appropriate block.]

☐ (i) The offeror will not supply any end product listed in paragraph (i)(1) of this provision that was mined, produced, or manufactured in the corresponding country as listed for that product.

☐ (ii) The offeror may supply an end product listed in paragraph (i)(1) of this provision that was mined, produced, or manufactured in the corresponding country as listed for that product. The offeror certifies that it has made a good faith effort to determine whether forced or indentured child labor was used to mine, produce, or manufacture any such end product furnished under this contract. On the basis of those efforts, the offeror certifies that it is not aware of any such use of child labor.

**List of Attachments for Solicitation PR-NC-03-10382**

1. ADDENDUM TO FAR CLAUSE 52.212-4
2. Statement of Work
3. Bid List
4. Reports of Work
5. Client Authorization Letter and Past Performance Questionnaire

**ATTACHMENT 1**  
**ADDENDUM TO FAR CLAUSE 52.212-4**

**1. NOTICE Listing Contract Clauses Incorporated by Reference**

NOTICE:

The following solicitation provisions and/or contract clauses pertinent to this addendum are hereby incorporated by reference:

FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATION (48 CFR CHAPTER 1)

NUMBER	DATE	TITLE
52.203-8	JAN 1997	CANCELLATION, RESCISSION, AND RECOVERY OF FUNDS FOR ILLEGAL OR IMPROPER ACTIVITY
52.204-4	AUG 2000	PRINTED OR COPIED DOUBLE-SIDED ON RECYCLED PAPER
52.242-13	JUL 1995	BANKRUPTCY

**2. ECONOMIC PRICE ADJUSTMENT--STANDARD SUPPLIES (FAR 52.216-2) (JAN 1997)**

(a) The Contractor warrants that the unit price stated in the Schedule for Solicitation PR-NC-03-10382 is not in excess of the Contractor's applicable established price in effect on the contract date for like quantities of the same item. The term "unit price" excludes any part of the price directly resulting from requirements for preservation, packaging, or packing beyond standard commercial practice. The term "established price" means a price that (1) is an established catalog or market price for a commercial item sold in substantial quantities to the general public, and (2) is the net price after applying any standard trade discounts offered by the Contractor.

(b) The Contractor shall promptly notify the Contracting Officer of the amount and effective date of each decrease in any applicable established price. Each corresponding contract unit price shall be decreased by the same percentage that the established price is decreased. The decrease shall apply to those items delivered on and after the effective date of the decrease in the Contractor's established price, and this contract shall be modified accordingly.

(c) If the Contractor's applicable established price is increased after the contract date, the corresponding contract unit price shall be increased, upon the Contractor's written request to the Contracting Officer, by the same percentage that the established price is increased, and the contract shall be modified accordingly, subject to the following limitations:

(1) The aggregate of the increases in any contract unit price under this clause shall not exceed 10 percent of the original contract unit price.

(2) The increased contract unit price shall be effective (i) on the effective date of the increase in the applicable established price if the Contracting Officer receives the Contractor's written request within 10 days thereafter or (ii) if the written request is received later, on the date the

Contracting Officer receives the request.

(3) The increased contract unit price shall not apply to quantities scheduled under the contract for delivery before the effective date of the increased contract unit price, unless failure to deliver before that date results from causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor, within the meaning of the Default clause.

(4) No modification increasing a contract unit price shall be executed under this paragraph (c) until the Contracting Officer verifies the increase in the applicable established price.

(5) Within 30 days after receipt of the Contractor's written request, the Contracting Officer may cancel, without liability to either party, any undelivered portion of the contract items affected by the requested increase.

(d) During the time allowed for the cancellation provided for in subparagraph (c)(5) above, and thereafter if there is no cancellation, the Contractor shall continue deliveries according to the contract delivery schedule, and the Government shall pay for such deliveries at the contract unit price, increased to the extent provided by paragraph (c) above.

### **3. ADVANCE PAYMENT AUTHORIZED**

Advance payment IS authorized in accordance with FAR 32.404(a)(6).

### **4. COMPETITION IN SUBCONTRACTING (FAR 52.244-5) (DEC 1996)**

(a) The Contractor shall select subcontractors (including suppliers) on a competitive basis to the maximum practical extent consistent with the objectives and requirements of the contract.

(b) If the Contractor is an approved mentor under the Department of Defense Pilot Mentor-Protege Program (Pub. L. 101-510, section 831 as amended), the Contractor may award subcontracts under this contract on a noncompetitive basis to its proteges.

### **5. CLAUSES INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE (FAR 52.252-2) (FEB 1998)**

This contract incorporates one or more clauses by reference, with the same force and effect as if they were given in full text. Upon request, the Contracting Officer will make their full text available. Also, the full text of a clause may be accessed electronically at this/these address(es):

<http://www.arnet.gov/far/>

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**AUTHORIZED DEVIATIONS IN CLAUSES (FAR 52.252-6) (APR 1984)**

(a) The use in this solicitation or contract of any Federal Acquisition Regulation (48 CFR Chapter 1) clause with an authorized deviation is indicated by the addition of "DEVIATION" after the date of the clause.

(b) The use in this solicitation or contract of any Environmental Protection Agency (48 CFR Chapter 15) clause with an authorized deviation is indicated by the addition of "DEVIATION" after the name of the regulation.

**7. CONTRACTOR PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS (EPAAR 1552.209-76) (OCT 2002)**

The contracting officer shall complete a Contractor Performance Report (Report) within ninety (90) business days after the end of each 12 months of contract performance (interim Report) or after the last 12 months (or less) of contract performance (final Report) in accordance with EPAAR 1509.170-5. The contractor shall be evaluated based on the following ratings:

- 0 = Unsatisfactory,
- 1 = Poor,
- 2 = Fair,
- 3 = Good,
- 4 = Excellent,
- 5 = Outstanding,
- N/A = Not Applicable.

The contractor may be evaluated based on the following performance categories:

- Quality,
- Cost Control,
- Timeliness of Performance,
- Business Relations,
- Compliance with Labor Standards,
- Compliance with Safety Standards, and
- Meeting Small Disadvantaged Business Subcontracting Requirements.

(a) The contracting officer shall initiate the process for completing interim Reports within five (5) business days after the end of each 12 months of contract performance by requesting the project officer to evaluate contractor performance for the interim Report. In addition, the contracting officer shall initiate the process for completing final Reports within five (5) business days after the last 12 months (or less) of contract performance by requesting the project officer to evaluate contractor performance for the final Report. The final Report shall cover the last 12 months (or less) of contract performance. Within thirty (30) business days after the project officer receives a request from the contracting officer to complete an evaluation, the project officer shall:

- (1) Complete a description of the contract requirements;
- (2) Evaluate contractor performance and assign a rating for quality, cost control, timeliness of performance, compliance with labor standards, and compliance with safety standards performance categories (including a narrative for each rating);

(3) Provide any information regarding subcontracts, key personnel, and customer satisfaction;

(4) Assign a recommended rating for the business relations performance category (including a narrative for the rating); and

(5) Provide additional information appropriate for the evaluation or future evaluations.

(b) The contracting officer shall:

(1) Ensure the accuracy of the project officer's evaluation by verifying that the information in the contract file corresponds with the designated project officer's ratings;

(2) Assign a rating for the business relations and meeting small disadvantaged business subcontracting requirements performance categories (including a narrative for each rating).

(3) Concur with or revise the project officer's ratings after consultation with the project officer;

(4) Provide any additional information concerning the quality, cost control, timeliness of performance, compliance with labor standards, and compliance with safety standards performance categories if deemed appropriate for the evaluation or future evaluations (if any), and provide any information regarding subcontracts, key personnel, and customer satisfaction; and

(5) Forward the Report to the contractor within ten (10) business days after the contracting officer receives the project officer's evaluation.

(c) The contractor shall be granted thirty (30) business days from the date of the contractor's receipt of the Report to review and provide a response to the contracting officer regarding the contents of the Report. The contractor shall:

(1) Review the Report;

(2) Provide a response (if any) to the contracting officer on company letter head or electronically;

(3) Complete contractor representation information; and

(4) Forward the Report to the contracting officer within the designated thirty (30) business days.

(d) The contractor's response to the Report may include written comments, rebuttals (disagreements), or additional information. If the contractor does not respond to the Report within the designated thirty (30) business days, the specified ratings in the Report are deemed appropriate for the evaluation period. In this instance, the contracting officer shall complete the Agency review and sign the Report within three (3) business days after expiration of the specified 30 business days.

(e) If the contractor submits comments, rebuttals (disagreements), or additional information to the contracting officer which contests the ratings,

the contracting officer, in consultation with the project officer, shall initially try to resolve the disagreement(s) with the contractor.

(f) If the disagreement(s) is (are) not resolved between the contractor and the contracting officer, the contracting officer shall provide a written recommendation to one level above the contracting officer for resolution as promptly as possible, but no later than five (5) business days after the contracting officer is made aware that the disagreement(s) has (have) not been resolved with the contractor. The individual who is one level above the contracting officer shall:

(1) Review the contracting officer's written recommendation; and

(2) Provide a written determination to the contracting officer for summary ratings (ultimate conclusion for ratings pertaining to the performance period being evaluated) within five (5) business days after the individual one level above the contracting officer receives the contracting officer's written recommendation.

(g) If the disagreement is resolved, the contracting officer shall complete the Agency review and sign the Report within three (3) business days after consultation.

(h) The contracting officer shall complete the Agency review and sign the Report within three (3) business days after the contracting officer receives a written determination for summary ratings from one level above the contracting officer.

(i) An interim or final Report is considered completed after the contracting officer signs the Report. The contracting officer must provide a copy of completed Reports (interim and final) to the contractor within two (2) business days after completion.

#### **8. PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE (EP 52.212-140) (APR 1984)**

The period of performance of this contract shall be from January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2004 exclusive of all required reports.

#### **9. CONSIDERATION AND PAYMENT--ITEMIZED FIXED PRICES (EP 52.216-170) (APR 1984)**

The fixed price of this contract is \$\_\_\_\_\_. Payment will be made upon delivery and acceptance of required items as follows: See Attachment 3

#### **10. OPTION TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT-- FIXED PRICE (EPAAR 1552.217-77) (OCT 2000)**

The Government has the option to extend the term of this contract for four additional period(s). If more than (60) days remain in the contract period of performance, the Government, without prior written notification, may exercise this option by issuing a contract modification. To exercise this option within the last (60) days of the period of performance, the Government must provide to the Contractor written notification prior to that last 60-day period. This preliminary notification does not commit the Government to exercising the option. Use of an option will result in the following contract modifications:

(a) The "Period of Performance" clause will be amended as follows to cover the Base and Option Periods:

<u>Period</u>	<u>Start date</u>	<u>End date</u>
Option Period I	01/01/2005	12/31/2005
Option Period II	01/01/2006	12/31/2006
Option Period III	01/01/2007	12/31/2007
Option Period IV	01/01/2008	12/31/2008

(b) During the option period(s) the Contractor shall provide the services described below:

<u>Period</u>	<u>Attachment</u>
Option Period I	
Option Period II	
Option Period III	
Option Period IV	

(c) The "Consideration and Payment" clause will be amended to reflect increased fixed prices for each option period as follows:

<u>Fixed price</u>	<u>Option period</u>
\$ _____	Option Period I
\$ _____	Option Period II
\$ _____	Option Period III
\$ _____	Option Period IV

**11. RELEASE OF CONTRACTOR CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS INFORMATION (EPAAR 1552.235-79) (APR 1996)**

(a) The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) may find it necessary to release information submitted by the Contractor either in response to this solicitation or pursuant to the provisions of this contract, to individuals not employed by EPA. Business information that is ordinarily entitled to confidential treatment under existing Agency regulations (40 C.F.R. Part 2) may be included in the information released to these individuals. Accordingly, by submission of this proposal or signature on this contract or other contracts, the Contractor hereby consents to a limited release of its confidential business information (CBI).

(b) Possible circumstances where the Agency may release the Contractor's CBI include, but are not limited to the following:

(1) To other Agency contractors tasked with assisting the Agency in the recovery of Federal funds expended pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, 42 U.S.C. Sec. 9607, as amended, (CERCLA or Superfund);

(2) To the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) and contractors employed by

DOJ for use in advising the Agency and representing the Agency in procedures for the recovery of Superfund expenditures;

(3) To parties liable, or potentially liable, for costs under CERCLA Sec. 107 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 9607), et al, and their insurers (Potentially Responsible Parties) for purposes of facilitating settlement or litigation of claims against such parties;

(4) To other Agency contractors who, for purposes of performing the work required under the respective contracts, require access to information the Agency obtained under the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.); the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C.1251 et seq.); the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300f et seq.); the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (7 U.S.C. 136 et seq.); the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (42 U.S.C. 6901 et seq.); the Toxic Substances Control Act (15 U.S.C. 2601 et seq.); or the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (42 U.S.C. 9601 et seq.);

(5) To other Agency contractors tasked with assisting the Agency in handling and processing information and documents in the administration of Agency contracts, such as providing both preaward and post award audit support and specialized technical support to the Agency's technical evaluation panels;

(6) To employees of grantees working at EPA under the Senior Environmental Employment (SEE) Program;

(7) To Speaker of the House, President of the Senate, or Chairman of a Committee or Subcommittee;

(8) To entities such as the General Accounting Office, boards of contract appeals, and the Courts in the resolution of solicitation or contract protests and disputes;

(9) To Agency contractor employees engaged in information systems analysis, development, operation, and maintenance, including performing data processing and management functions for the Agency; and

(10) Pursuant to a court order or court-supervised agreement.

(c) The Agency recognizes an obligation to protect the contractor from competitive harm that may result from the release of such information to a competitor. (See also the clauses in this document entitled "Screening Business Information for Claims of Confidentiality" and "Treatment of Confidential Business Information.") Except where otherwise provided by law, the Agency will permit the release of CBI under subparagraphs (1), (3), (4), (5), (6), or (9) only pursuant to a confidentiality agreement.

(d) With respect to contractors, 1552.235-71 will be used as the confidentiality agreement. With respect to Potentially Responsible Parties, such confidentiality agreements may permit further disclosure to other entities where necessary to further settlement or litigation of claims under CERCLA. Such entities include, but are not limited to accounting firms and technical experts able to analyze the information, provided that they also agree to be bound by an appropriate confidentiality agreement.

(e) This clause does not authorize the Agency to release the Contractor's

CBI to the public pursuant to a request filed under the Freedom of Information Act.

(f) The Contractor agrees to include this clause, including this paragraph (f), in all subcontracts at all levels awarded pursuant to this contract that require the furnishing of confidential business information by the subcontractor.

**12. KEY PERSONNEL (EPAAR 1552.237-72) (APR 1984)**

(a) The Contractor shall assign to this contract the following key personnel:

1. Account Service Manager
2. Sales Representative

(b) During the first ninety (90) calendar days of performance, the Contractor shall make no substitutions of key personnel unless the substitution is necessitated by illness, death, or termination of employment. The Contractor shall notify the Contracting Officer within 15 calendar days after the occurrence of any of these events and provide the information required by paragraph (c) below. After the initial ninety (90) calendar day period, the Contractor shall submit the information required by paragraph (c) to the Contracting Officer at least 15 calendar days prior to making any permanent substitutions.

(c) The Contractor shall provide a detailed explanation of the circumstances necessitating the proposed substitutions, complete resumes for the proposed substitutes, and any additional information requested by the Contracting Officer. Proposed substitutes should have comparable qualifications to those of the persons being replaced. The Contracting Officer will notify the Contractor within 15 calendar days after receipt of all required information of the decision on substitutions. This clause will be modified to reflect any approved changes of key personnel.

**13. CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION REPRESENTATIVES (EP 52.242-100) (AUG 1984)**

Project Officer(s) for this contract:

Project Officer:

TO BE IDENTIFIED AT TIME OF CONTRACT AWARD

Contract Specialist(s) responsible for administering this contract:

Administrative Contracting Officer:

TO BE IDENTIFIED AT TIME OF CONTRACT AWARD

**14. SHIPMENT AND MARKING (EP 52.247-100) (APR 1984)**

(a) The contract number shall be placed on or adjacent to all exterior mailing or shipping labels of deliverable items called for by the contract, except for reports.

(b) Ship deliverable items, except for reports, to:

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
Main Library, Mail Code: C267-01  
109 T.W. Alexander Drive  
Research Triangle Park, NC 27711

(c) Mark deliverables, except for reports, for:

*To be listed at time of Contract award.*

**15. EPA's GOAL FOR SUBCONTRACTING WITH SMALL BUSINESSES**

In reviewing offerors' subcontracting plans submitted in accordance with the provision entitled, "Utilization of Small, Small Disadvantaged and Women-Owned Small Business Concerns," (FAR 52.219-8) and FAR 52.219-9, "Small, Small Disadvantaged and Women-Owned Small Business Subcontracting Plan," EPA will use its own goals as an agency guideline. The breakout is as follows:

	Percent of Subcontract Dollars Awarded
Awards to Small Businesses	50%
Awards to Small Disadvantaged Businesses	20%
Awards to Women-Owned Businesses	6%
Awards to HUBZones	2.5% - 2002
	3% - 2003 and each year thereafter
Awards to Service Disabled Veterans	1%

These goals are not intended to be mandatory; however, offerors are encouraged to keep these goals in mind when developing their subcontracting plan. Please note that goals must be proposed as a percentage of total dollars being subcontracted.

A subcontracting plan format, which can be found on the internet at [http://www.epa.gov/oam/rtp\\_cmd](http://www.epa.gov/oam/rtp_cmd) under the heading "Forms", can be utilized as a guide to assist offerors in preparation of subcontracting plans.

STATEMENT OF WORK -- (PR-NC-03-10383)  
Journals/Subscriptions - Paper

GENERAL:

The Contractor shall furnish all qualified personnel, facilities, equipment, and supplies for the delivery of new and renewal subscriptions to domestic and foreign serials and periodicals, and provide all related services and reports for users within the Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park (EPA/RTP), North Carolina. In addition to the paper copies, all publications are required to have electronic access. The Contractor shall comply with the reporting and service requirements of the EPA/RTP library as described in this contract. The anticipated expiration date for all subscription and journals is December 31st of each year.

REQUIREMENTS:

1. Upon request, the Contractor shall provide to the Government proof-of payment of any order invoiced.
2. The Contractor is required to resolve issues including, but not limited to, cancellations, address changes, duplicate receipts, and claims for defective, mutilated, damaged or lost publication issues.
3. The contractor shall order and provide to the Government all special issues, title pages, tables of contents, annual or other indexes and unnumbered supplements included in the basic subscription prices.
4. The contractor shall provide subscription renewal adjustments to a common expiration date to the maximum extent possible.
5. The contractor shall provide full service assistance in obtaining missing publication issues and processing of back-issue ordering upon request. The Contractor will provide to the Government pre-printed discrepancy forms, mailing address for the forms, telephone/facsimile numbers, on-line system address or electronic data interchange. The Contractor shall respond to the Government's discrepancies within 30 days and submit a status report within 30 days of any previous report until the issue is resolved.
6. The Contractor shall ensure all Journals contained in the Bid List (See Attachment 3) shall be accessible electronically through Science Direct.
7. Cancellation/Refunds: The contractor shall address cancellations at anytime during the term of the subscription and attempt to secure a refund, subject to the publisher's policy, to be credited to the Government.
8. The contractor shall obtain refunds, where applicable, or substitute publications for unexpired portions of subscriptions that discontinue publication during the subscription period.
9. Reports: See attachment 4.



CLIN	Journal Title	ISSN/ISBN	Frequency (Annual, Quarterly, Monthly, etc.)	Annual Price
	Atmospheric Environment (including 1 CD-ROM Supplement)	1352-2310		
	Biochemical Pharmacology	0006-2952		
	Brain Research Bulletin	0361-9230		
	Brain Research Protocols	1385-299X		
	Brain Research Reviews	0165-0173		
	Brain Research (Subscription to all sections)	FS00-5020		
	Cancer Letters	0304-3835		
	Cell	0092-8674		
	Chemical Physics Letters	0009-2614		
	Chemosphere (Including Chemosphere Global Change Science)	0045-6535		
	Clinical Neurophysiology	1388-2457		
	Environment International	0160-4120		
	Environmental Pollution	0269-7491		
	FEBS Letters (including Science Direct Web Edition)	0014-5793		
	Food and Chemical Toxicology	0278-6915		
	Gene	0378-1119		
	Hearing Research ** CANCEL	0378-5955		
	Immunology Letters	0165-2478		
	International Immunopharmacology	1567-5769		
	Journal of Chromatography A	0021-9673		
	Journal of Chromatography A and Chromatography B	FS00-5160		
	Journal of Chromatography B	0378-4347		
	Journal of Immunological Methods	0022-1759		
	Life Sciences	0024-3205		
	Molecular Brain Research	0169-328X		
	Molecular Cell (Paper)	1097-2765		

CLIN	Journal Title	ISSN/ISBN	Frequency (Annual, Quarterly, Monthly, etc.)	Annual Price
	Molecular Cell (Electronic)	1097-2765		
	Mutation Research (Combined Subscription to all sections)	FS00-5075		
	Neuron	0896-6273		
	Neuropharmacology	0028-3908		
	Neuroscience	0306-4522		
	Neuroscience and Biobehavioral Reviews	0149-7634		
	Neuroscience Letters	0304-3940		
	Neurotoxicology	0161-813X		
	Neurotoxicology and Teratology	0892-0362		
	Pharmacology, Biochemistry and Behavior	0091-3057		
	Physiology and Behavior	0031-9384		
	Respiratory Physiology and Neurobiology	1569-9048		
	Science of the Total Environment	0048-9697		
	Technological Forecasting and Social Change	0040-1625		
	Toxicology	0300-483X		
	Toxicology In Vitro	0887-2333		
	Toxicology Letters	0378-4274		
	Trends in Biochemical Sciences	0968-0004		
	Trends in Cell Biology	0962-8924		
	Trends in Genetics	0168-9525		
	Trends in Immunology	1471-4906		
	Trends in Neurosciences	0166-2236		
	Vision Research	0042-6989		
	SUB-TOTAL OF PRICES FOR ALL JOURNALS: \$			
	SERVICE CHARGE (IF ANY): \$			

CLIN	Journal Title	ISSN/ISBN	Frequency (Annual, Quarterly, Monthly, etc.)	Annual Price
	TOTAL BASE PERIOD PRICE: \$ _____			
	<p>EVALUATED PRICE: Since this contract will be utilizing an Economic Price Adjustment clause, the proposing of separate prices for the option periods will not be necessary. Therefore, for evaluation purposes, the base period prices above will also be used for all four option periods to determine an estimated total contract price for all five periods. This calculation will be made as follows: Total Base Period Price X 5 Periods = Estimated Total Price = \$ _____.</p>			

## **REPORTS OF WORK**

Per the Statement of Work for this procurement, listed in Attachment 2, the following Reports of Work apply:

- (a) As it becomes known to the Contractor, the following information shall be provided to the Government: Reports on publication adjustments, name changes, cessations, frequency changes, cancellations, mergers, splits, discontinued and suspended titles, etc.
- (b) No later than June 30 of each performance period, the Contractor shall provide the following: An up-to-date annual catalog that lists serial titles and prices for publications listed in Attachment 3 (Bid List of Journals) of this RFP, frequency of issues, publisher's purchasing restrictions, title status, Contractor's current and renewal prices, including a total price, to be used for evaluation of requirements for the option period.
- (c) Sixty (60) days before the end of the performance period, the Contractor shall provide updated proposed prices for each publication for economic price adjustment evaluations. This data shall comply with the Economic Price Adjustment clause (See FAR clause 52.216-2 Economic Price Adjustment - Standard Supplies) of this contract. The Contractor shall certify the accuracy of the proposed commercially published prices. Additions and deletions of publication will be negotiated.
- (d) A report of all journals delivered shall be submitted by August 1 of each year and shall be delivered in hard copy of machine readable form.

Client Authorization Letter

[Addressee]

Dear "Client":

We are currently responding to the Environmental Protection Agency's RFP No. PR-NC-03-10383 for the procurement of Paper Journal Subscription Services at the U.S. EPA located in Research Triangle Park, N.C. The EPA is placing increased emphasis in their acquisitions on past performance as a source selection factor.

EPA has asked the offeror to send Past Performance Questionnaires to customers to complete and send to the Contracting Officer. Please complete the attached Past Performance Questionnaire and mail to U.S. EPA, Attn: Joel P. Smith, RTP-Procurement Operations Division (Mail Code: E105-02), OARM Service Center, RTP, NC 27711, by **Close of Business on August 18, 2003**.

If you are contacted by EPA for information on work we have performed under contract for your company or for clarification of your responses to the questionnaire, you are hereby authorized to respond to EPA inquiries.

Your cooperation is appreciated. Any questions may be directed to  
\_\_\_\_\_.

Sincerely,

## PAST PERFORMANCE QUESTIONNAIRE

## S O U R C E   S E L E C T I O N   S E N S I T I V E   I N F O R M A T I O N

(TO BE COMPLETED BY OFFEROR PRIOR TO MAILING TO REFERENCE)

Name of Offeror: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contract Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contract Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contract Value: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Type of Contract: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Period of Performance: \_\_\_\_\_

The remainder of this form is to be completed by the reference and returned to EPA as instructed in the Client Authorization Letter.

Performance Elements	Not Applicable	Outstanding	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
1. Quality of Product or Service				
2. Timeliness of Performance				
3. Effectiveness of Management (including subcontractors)				
4. Initiative in Meeting Requirements				
5. Response to Technical Direction				
6. Responsiveness to Performance Problems				
7. Compliance with Cost Estimates				
8. Customer Satisfaction				
9. Overall Performance				

10. Remarks on outstanding performance:

(Provide data supporting this observation; you may continue on a separate sheet if needed.)

Attachment (5)

11. Remarks on unsatisfactory performance:

(Provide data supporting this observation; you may continue on separate sheet if needed.)

12. Please identify any corporate affiliations with the offeror.

13. Would you do business with this firm again?

14. Information provided by:

Agency/Firm

Name

Title

Mailing Address (Street and P.O. Box)

City, State and Zip Code

Telephone and Fax Numbers

Attachment (5)